

# SKETCHES OF THE MINISTERS

Of the

## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF NORTH AMERICA

From 1888 to 1930

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With supplemental sketches of ministers living in 1888 whose records were carried forward in Glasgow's History up to that date; together with sketches of the institutions, missions and organizations of the Church, and lists of missionaries who have served the Church during this period; containing also 42 portraits of Moderators of Synod besides the cuts of the institutions of the Church; also lists of Presbyteries and Congregations together with the dates of organization and disorganization of the same during the period covered by this volume.



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for Women, Mechanicsburg,, Pennsylvania, 1915 to 1917. He was pastor of the Jackson Center, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Church from 1910 to 1915. In 1917 he became the Assistant Pastor in the Second Presbyterian Church of Saint Louis, Missouri, where he is laboring at the present time. In the year 1905 he was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle B. Campbell in Resht, Persia. Miss Campbell was a graduate of Geneva College in the class of 1898. Mr. Euwer has been Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Saint Louis since 1925. They have three children: Marjorie C., Elizabeth L., Helen M.

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#### DANIEL CARGILL FARIS

D. C. FARIS, whose historical sketch appears in Glasgow's History, was, at the time of the publishing of that volume in the year 1888, pastor of the Barnet congregation, West Barnet, Caledonia County, Vermont. He remained in charge of this congregation until June 6, 1919, when the pastoral relation was dissolved owing to the illness of this faithful shepherd who had fed and led his flock for more than 46 years. After a protracted illness, wherein he suffered much pain yet endured as seeing Him who is invisible, he peacefully and quietly closed his eyes on the scenes of earth October 2, 1919, and opened them again to look into the face of his Redeemer and out into the Land of Far Distances.

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#### DAVID SMITH FARIS

D. S. FARIS, whose historical sketch appears in Glasgow's History until the year 1888 when that volume was

published, was at that time pastor of the Bethel congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in Sparta, Illinois. He continued in this charge until weakness made it impossible further to perform his duties when he resigned and was released from the pastoral duties of the congregation on January 1, 1906. He had served the one congregation for a period of half a century lacking two years. He continued to reside in Sparta until the time of his death, which occurred February 13, 1914, at the age of 83. He was a faithful worker both in his pastoral work and in his preaching. He also stood in the front in all reform work that came within his sphere of life. He with a very few others occupied the unique position of thinking out and putting into motion the great work of National Reformation that has continued down to the present time, and has grown into international proportions. He left behind him a wife, three daughters and one son. A half century of service! And yet standing in the edge of Eternity we will look back and speak of it as a short half an hour. Oh, how earnestly we should live.

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#### ELIAS J. FARRIS

ELIAS J. FARRIS was born at Kaimy, Syria, January 14, 1904. He with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Farris, came to America about the year 1913. He attended Geneva College for a time and also the University of Pittsburgh. With a view to taking up the ministry he entered the United Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Later he gave up his studies in that institution to enter the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsyl-